

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 4, 8 to 10, and 13 to 15 are under consideration as a result of applicant's election of species on August 8, 2005. Claims 5 to 7, 11, 12, and 16 to 29 are withdrawn from consideration as directed to a non-elected species.

The Examiner has stated that it is unclear whether the term "bi-axial orientation" is used to define a result of an extruding process or a molecular structure of a final product of a filament. The term "bi-axial orientation", as used in this application, is defined on Page 15, Lines 1-20, and is a result of the combination of an extruding process and shaping through calendar rollers to form a finished product the molecules of which are oriented in both a longitudinal direction and transversely because of the pulling of the squeezing of the molecules in both of these directions.

Claims 1 and 2 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being clearly anticipated by the United States published application to LeGrand No. 2005/018857A1. Claims 3, 4, 8 to 10 and 13 to 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over LeGrand on the grounds of obviousness.

Applicant encloses with this response an affidavit by applicant under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 which applicant respectfully submits is a showing of facts showing applicant's conception and reduction to practice of the invention prior to the earliest

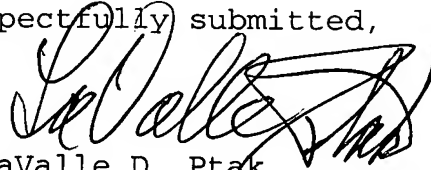
1 effective filing date of the cited LeGrand reference, namely June
2 10, 2003. Applicant respectfully submits that the facts set forth
3 in the affidavit under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 are such, in character and
4 weight, as to establish reduction to practice prior to the
5 effective date of the reference, or conception of the invention
6 prior to the effective date of the reference (June 10, 2003),
7 coupled with due diligence from prior to June 10, 2003 to reduction
8 to practice and the filing of applicant's application on February
9 10, 2004. Applicant's affidavit is accompanied by exhibits of
10 drawings, records, and the like, to substantiate the facts sworn to
11 by applicant in applicant's affidavit.
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13 Since there are no rejections of any claims on any other
14 basis, other than as unpatentable or anticipated by the LeGrand
15 publication 2005/0188547, applicant considers the rejection in this
16 application now to be moot, since they are overcome by applicant's
17 accompanying affidavit.
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19 In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests
20 reconsideration and allowance of all of the elected claims, along
21 with Claims 5-7, 11, 12 and 16-21, since these additional dependent
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1 claims all are dependent, either directly or through one another,
2 upon either independent Claim or independent Claim 9.

3 Respectfully submitted,

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